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SUBJECT: SYRIA PUBLICIZES ISSUANCE OF DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
REGULATIONS UNDER THE EXPORT ADMINISTRATION ACT

1. FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE IN JANUARY 20 ISSUE OF SYRIAN DAILY
AL-BAATH WAS ENTITLED "AMERICAN DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
TAKES NEW MEASURES AGAINST THE ARABS". SYRIAN ARAB
NEWS AGENCY ARTICLE DATED WASHINGTON READ AS FOLLOWS:
"AMERICAN DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE YESTERDAY ADOPTED NEW
MEASURES AGAINST THE ARABS WHICH WILL INCREASE THE
EFFECTIVENESS OF THE AMERICAN FEDERAL LAW FORBIDDING
AMERICANS FROM APPLYING PROVISIONS OF ARAB BOYCOTT TO
COMPANIES DEALING WITH ISRAEL. UNITED PRESS REPORTED
THAT ACCORDING TO OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN
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TRADE (SIC) THE NEW MEASURES AIM AT ENDING AMERICAN
PARTICIPATION IN THE ARAB BOYCOTT. THE DEPARTMENT
ADOPTED THE NEW MEASURES AFTER STRONG CRITICISM FROM
MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN CONGRESS AND FROM ZIONIST
GROUPS OVER THE LAST SIX MONTHS".

2. COMMENT: BOTH OFFICIALLY AND PRIVATELY SYRIANS IN

THE ECONOMIC SECTOR APPEAR TO BE WAITING TO SEE JUST
WHAT THE EFFECTS OF THE NEW U.S. LEGISLATION WILL BE.
THE LEGISLATION DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE GENERATED
MUCH HEAT BUT CONSENSUS OF SYRIANS WHO HAVE COMMENTED TO US
THAT U.S. BUSINESS IS BEING OBLIGED TO CUT ITS OWN THROAT.
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